

S I T K O H B A Y
* * * * *Located on the Southeast Shore of Chichagof Island.
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In conversing with fishermen who have resided in this territory for some time I have learned that this bay had an early run of sockeyes which was not protected in any way and which has been the case for several years; therefore, they recommend closing the entire bay to commercial fishing for a period of three or four years to replenish the run.

The chums commenced entering the bay about July 15 and the Humpbacks on July 20.

Although the main run of sockeyes was early in the season, there were still a few in the bay which was evident on July 21 when a haul was made netting 55 sockeyes and 1 chum, caught 400 yards from dead line.

From July 20 until August 19 there were practically 5800 chums and humpbacks escaped into the streams on high tides. During this period the flow of water was so low that this escapement was all made on high tides. August 20 marked the peak of the salmon run, (majority humpbacks) when approximately 2000 escaped into the streams. At this time the water was high in streams and the salmon escaped very readily. Streams were full of salmon at either tide and cannerymen proclaimed this run of humpbacks the best for several years, furthermore, the run was completely protected, as it came during the closed season which afforded 100% escapement. From August 20 to 24 inclusive there were practically 3000 escaped daily, but after this time the run commenced to diminish, at which time the streams were full of chums and humpbacks, (majority being humpbacks).

Season of 1924.

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